

Nixon Backer Changes View

NENANA, (AP) — The chairman of the Alaska Republican Party said Tuesday President Nixon "should stand the consequences" of his disclosure that he withheld evidence in the Watergate case.

"This is the first absolute and concrete admission the President has made," said Jack Coghill. "If the President has made admissions that he has involved himself personally and has withheld evidence...then he is guilty of wrongdoing and should stand the consequences, just as if you and I did it."

Coghill has been a staunch defender of the President, recently denouncing the impeachment vote of the House Judiciary Committee as a political action.

"I don't have a blind sense of responsibility or a blind sense of duty to a Republican president," he said.

Responding to a reporter's question, Coghill said he would reserve judgment on whether Nixon should resign or be impeached.